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Sir:

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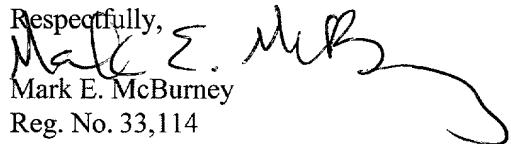
Enclosed are also:

50 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
 11 Pages of Claims ( Claims 1 - 38 )  
 13 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 Declarations)  
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